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Dear Sir:

Your superb and fascinating article on Ormsby in Paper Money indicates an enormous amount of research. Congratulations. I have always been intrigued by the problems of a man as skilled as Ormsby. His ego apparently ruined him. I wrote a study of a man with similar governmental problems (Laban Hearsh) and note the similarity of the tactics used by the bank note companies to get business and to sell their products to the government, etc. They spread toxic material.

I have many of the Ormsby signed bank notes and his 1852 Opus with his ~~proof~~ ^{Bank} Morrisiana proof pasted in.

In my collection also is an 1854 Ormsby broadside (about 23 1/2 " X 19") entitled "Ormsby's Guide to Detect Counterfeit and Altered Bank Notes". It has many bank notes, counters, vignettes, cycloidal engraving, etc. ~~A~~ The Essay Proof Journal, No. 65, p. 45; Vol. 17, No. 1. You may be aware of it. It shows his anti-counterfeiting and has an explanatory detection text. It might be unique.

I note you need to find the Judah Tour Robertson diary and wonder if the American Jewish Archives at Brandeis University has it or is he is related to the Tour family or just named in honor of it. Perhaps Blanchard has borrowed the diary as you suggest as an alternate. It could still be in the Robertson family as well.

My e mail address is Ericurnis@aol.com. My telephone is 314-727-0850. My fax is 314-727-8-0820. If I can be of further help let me know.

Keep researching and writing.

Sincerely,

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